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HIGHLY IMPORTANT NEWS.

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HALIFAX, March 15, 1855.

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The Africa left here at 4.30 P. M., for Boston, where she will be due about midnight on Friday.

The news is of an interesting and highly important character.

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